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Conventions

By JAMES A. CROSS

LYING OFF THE coast of Florida, just a few minutes by air, are some beautiful islands which have been reached by the Church of God in its missionary efforts. Recently, it was my privilege to attend the convention on two of these islands. There are a few things I think you would be interested in, which I would like to relate.

The island convention of Jamaica convened in its annual session March 22-25 under the supervision of an able overseer, the Reverend Luke R. Summers. Prior to the opening of the convention, which incidentally convened in Montego Bay, a resort city in the Island of Jamaica, a very unusual service took place on Sunday afternoon. It was my great privilege of having the opportunity of dedicating to the Lord a beautiful church building, the nicest building ever to be erected in all of Jamaica. This building compares favorably with our nicer church buildings here in the United States. Montego Bay and the wonderful pastor there have set a very good example for the rest of the island to follow and demonstrate what a willing people and a loving God can accomplish for God and His cause. Not only have these people erected a nice church building, but they have also erected a modern parsonage for the pastor. If I make no mistake, this is the first parsonage ever to be built for a local church in all of Jamaica.

The dedication was set for Sunday afternoon. Long before the opening hour of the service, the church yard and streets were overflowing with people. No one was permitted to enter the building until the official opening of the church. They have some rather interesting customs connected with the dedication of church buildings there and very impressive ceremonies that go along with them.

The opening and dedication of the church was marked by the presence of some of the dignitaries of the island, leading people who are outstanding in their work in Jamaica. Either they or some representative whom they had appointed was present for this meeting. At the proper moment a robed choir began to sing an appropriate song for the occasion; and at a very timely moment, the pastor stepped forward and announced the opening of the main front door by a titled lady of the island. The pastor, the officials, the choir and the congregation followed into the open church. After everyone was seated, the other doors of the building were unlocked by important people of the island. After the doors were properly opened, then the various windows in the church were opened by individuals. Now the rare thing about this is that these individuals give a donation on the church building for the privilege of unlocking the doors and opening the windows, a very ingenious means of helping to finance such a project. The ceremony, however, is very impressive as appropriate speeches are made and the windows and doors are opened in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

After the official opening of the doors and windows, the main part of the service progressed much as it does here in the United States. The building was packed and jammed to its capacity with people standing in the aisles, around the walls and outside, listening to the service.

I shall not take a great deal of time to describe the convention. Suffice it to say, it was filled with the presence and power of the Holy Ghost. God Almighty blessed all who had a part in this island convention. You can well be proud of the work of the Church of God in Jamaica. At present we have approximately 198 churches in Jamaica, with a

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Destination Djerba

By MARGARET GAINES

Missionary, Tunis, Tunisia

EARTH AND SUN were still sleeping when, bags in hand, Mrs. Strautin and I crept out of my house and through the thick fog and slipped away from Tunis; destination Djerba. Much prayer and planning had preceded that trip, which was actually a "spying out the land." The first hour or so was filled with animated discussions of our present occupations, possibilities of revival, and soul-searching to lay open our personal responsibilities.

We were a company of three: Mrs. Strautin, Fifi, and I. Mrs. Strautin, a neat, honest-eyed, gentle lady, who fills up with courage and devotion all she lacks of spontaneity, has already given twenty years to missions under the North African Mission Society. Several years ago in Algeria she came in contact with the Pentecostal message and eventually received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Although she is still with the evangelical mission, she has a very favorable attitude toward Pentecostals. She is just as fond of Fifi as I. Fifi? Well, she's my little car. Whether I choose rocky up-grade or muddy lowland, she purrs on with seldom a complaint; and as my only constant companion, she is worthy of mention.

As our conversation gradually slowed down, the sun, barely awake, was stretching her long rays far above the horizon. The mist vanished with the warmth and light, so visibility was very good thereafter. With Tunis far behind, other towns and villages filed by on right and left. Children walking miles to school, wobbly donkey-drawn carts, flocks of sheep going to pasture, camels drawing water from deep, Biblical-style wells; each in its turn interrupted the beautiful scenery. Either side the straight, flat highway was lined with century old olive orchards; the blue sky was streaked with pink and spotted with popcorn-ball clouds. The vast Mediterranean's white capped billows rolled up on the cream-colored beach but remembering there God's "no trespassing," returned to its depths. One by one we met and passed the important towns along the coast. Sousse, a pretty little town packed full of interesting relics and ruins of the once glorious Roman empire; Monestir, the birthplace of Tunisia's president; Sfax, one of Tunisia's most important fishing ports; Gabes, known for its magnificent oasis; all were behind us when suddenly we distinguished the outline of Djerba in the distance. Just as the tired sun was preparing to retire, we arrived at Djorf where we were to take a "ferryboat" across the strait to Djerba. Under the influence of fatigue, the trip was showing its first signs of monotony; consequently, conversation had completely died, that is, until our "ferryboat" arrived. We were so shocked with the most unexpected appearance of our next means of conveyance that mingled apprehension and amusement revived conversation. The "ferryboat" was simply a small fishing boat with a sort of raft lying across its deck. As I drove up on that borderless plank, I hoped ardently that Fifi would respect the "no trespassing" as well as the sea did. We made it with no trouble; but during the crossing, I thought more than once that we would not be worth selling a cheap insurance policy to.

So weary from the long drive, we gave the oil lamps a night off and crawled into bed, caring little if scorpions were our bedfellows. We slept soundly; the concert of birds sang loud and long before they succeeded in waking us up. We lost very little time getting up and eating our light breakfast; meanwhile we had prepared songbooks, flannelgraph materials, and our Bibles, so after devotion we went out fishing for souls. Notwithstanding the apparent disapproval and opposition, we made some interesting contacts, nevertheless, even those who listened to our message did not grasp the meaning. We sighed to think that there was not a single missionary to sow the precious grain in that place. The same is true in the whole southern region; no missionary. No witness at all. Neither beauty nor excitement can compensate for the winning of souls; therefore, we highly resolved to consecrate more than ever our efforts to that end, counting on God for the increase. As we left the south, we realized that in Tunisia we have simply landed a beachhead; taking the land is a battle still to be fought.

"And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold," Acts 28:2.

(This message was preached in Hattiesburg by Rev. H. T. Statum, who at that time was serving as State Overseer of Mississippi. Both the message and the messenger will long be remembered and appreciated by the church in Hattiesburg. The message is here presented with the permission of Brother Statum, with only a few minor changes. The sermon itself, homiletically speaking, is essentially the same.)

FIRE on a Cold Day

By F. J. MAY

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

AT LAST THE great Mediterranean storm, Euroclydon, had lost its fury. A steady, cold drizzle of rain came in its place. Just off the coast of the Island of Melita, a gallant ship of Alexandria had ended its last fight with the great sea, being broken to pieces by the violence of the waves. Three hundred and seventy-six men had miraculously escaped from the ship and had somehow made their way, some swimming, some clinging to broken planks of the ship, to the shore. Once there, they had another danger facing them — the barbarous people of the island.

1. Here we learn that help and kindness may come from very unexpected sources. When the barbarous people came and saw these ocean-drenched, rain-soaked men shivering in the cold, they offered the best solution possible to the situation—they kindled a fire.

In the perilous times of these last days, when the love of many is waxing cold, what is more needful than the rekindling of the Pentecostal fire of God? When saints have faced the storms of this life, suffering many losses, being drenched in seas of indifference, being caught in downpours of cold modernism, what is needed is revival fire. Yes, fire, that will stop men from whimpering and shivering and fill them with the warmth of faith; fire that will cause the love of God to "wax hot" in our bosoms, producing the fruits of the Spirit; fire that will drive back the hypocritical "wolves in sheep's clothing" from the camp of the saints and bring back God's favor and blessings. Oh God, give us fire! Cleansing fire! Sanctifying fire! Pentecostal fire!

2. Next, we learn who helped build the fire. There was Paul, a willing servant to his fellow men. Out he went, searching for fuel. Where did he find wood that would burn after all that storm and rain? I don't know where, but he found it; he brought back a great bundle—all that he could carry in his arms.

I am aware that we are frantic many times in our efforts to build revival fires. We search many times in vain for fuel. But instead of waiting for someone else to start the fire, we must start it ourselves. We can't afford to wait until the right season (anyone can start a fire with good, dry kindling). We must search now for fuel. When we do, God will help us build the fire. When we come earnestly to God with our arms full of fuel, rain-soaked though it may be, the God that sent the fire that devoured Elijah's water-drenched altar can also send fire that will consume our sacrifice. The results will be gratifying.

3. Next, we notice how fire gets the devil on the move.

Did you ever do any real good for God and not meet with opposition? Just as soon as Paul laid his bundle of sticks on the fire, a viper came out and fastened on to his hand. It is ever the same story. Get a revival going and watch the devil get busy. You will see him "striking" here and there, doing his dirty work, trying to stop God's work. Just let a person step out by faith to attempt great things for God, and you will see the serpents of temptation, loaded with their poisonous venom, ready to give that person the crippling or death blow in some unguarded moment. The only way to handle such serpents is to have more fire. That's what the devil hates—holy fire. But before God is through with Satan, he will taste again and again the power of God's fire and finally be cast into the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone.

4. Next, notice how God can take the Christian's trouble and make it a blessing. The barbarians looked on in horror when they saw the venomous beast hanging to Paul's hand by its fangs. Among themselves, they said, "No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live." The devil always has his barbarians who will voice their misconceived prophecies about a child of God stricken in misfortune. But the same God who caused Paul to feel no harm from the snake bite can empower us to come forth unharmed from the attacks of Satan.

These men kept staring in amazement at Paul. They expected him to fall down dead any moment. After a while, when they saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds. Thank God! it is still the same. When critics and despisers see God's people overcoming sin and temptation, they

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More Power

For This Hour Through the Home

By A. M. PHILLIPS

General Secretary-Treasurer

HAS ANYONE EVER lived in a more powerful age than 1959? Has anyone ever read about a more powerful period than this one in which we are living? There are many phases of power that I would like to emphasize in this message. Neither time nor space will permit me to mention this age of physical power, mental power, the power of imagination, economical power, political power, international power, financial power, electrical power, steam power, etc.,—but I desire to emphasize three phases of American power of transportation.

1. AUTOMOTIVE—All of us realize the power of land transportation. Almost every family and many individuals own a car. That car is a vehicle of power. By properly turning the ignition and with little effort on the part of the driver, a person may drive down our modern highways at thirty, forty, fifty, sixty miles per hour. Powerful trucks travel the expressways, freeways and highways of our day. Armies can be transported across our country overnight in the powerful truck transportation.

2. SEA POWER—Our sea power is most outstanding—the Navy with its fleet of ships; submarines — the Nautilus, a submarine that can stay under water for sixty days and travel under icebergs so huge that no other submarine would dare such an undertaking. So American sea power rightfully takes its place among the best.

3. AIR POWER—The American air power is second to none. The latest planes for defense, protecting the American way of life, are capable of traveling thousands of miles nonstop. A short time ago I boarded a plane in Chicago, Illinois, and in a very few hours at 20,000 feet in the air, I traveled to Portland, Oregon. You may think that is fast flying. At the same time, however, a person could have entered a modern jet airplane in New York and arrived in London before I arrived in Portland, Oregon; yet, we have other planes built that travel faster than sound, not speaking of the powerful program of missiles in our day that fill the air and orbit the earth in a matter of hours.

Briefly, I would mention the science of medicine. Have you considered lately the progress that has been made in this field of the American way of life—how that medical science can amputate a person's arm or leg, remove a kidney, collapse a lung, freeze a person's body and operate on the heart or the brain, and soon the person is out going strong again?

I desire to underscore in your minds the fact that the food industries of America today have made great strides in the preparation of food. They have made so much progress until it permits us to do our shopping for precooked, pre-prepared, frozen, and instant foods that would make our grandparents stand in bewilderment. Also, we're made conscious that if food that we purchase today doesn't have all of the vitamins—A, B, C, D—then we're told that certain parts of our body will feel the effects of this deficiency. Yet, our grandparents reared large, fine families, not knowing the difference in any of the vitamins, but reared their family on black-eyed peas, corn bread, and buttermilk, and gave to the nation some of the strongest politicians, ministers, and men of our time.

America has made progress in fashions, medicine, movies, and modern living, business, science and sports, politics, and world affairs. I ask you, has America made as much progress in building powerful homes as it has in many of the items mentioned above? Frankly, I will have to admit that I feel somewhat afraid that the American parents have experienced difficulty in keeping pace with the ever-changing world. As you know, "God's oldest institution is the Home. The Home is the first line of defense."

MORE POWER FOR THIS HOUR THROUGH THE HOME

"When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence," Deuteronomy 22:8.

To appreciate my Scripture text you must have in mind the oriental home. An oriental home has a flat top. Many of the oriental homes were built with a flat top in the day that my text was given. Now

God says through his servant in the Old Testament — when you build a house with a flat top, if you do not put a battlement around it and somebody falls off and gets killed, you are to blame. This means that you must take care of the family when you build your house. God is saying to the men in my text—when you build a house, build it so the family will be protected. As I go up and down this countryside preaching the gospel, I see many people who say, "I want my liberty, and I'm going to take my liberty." It reminds me of the man that you have, no doubt, heard of, who, walking down the street, swinging his arms back and forth, round and round, comes up to you and hits you on the nose with his fist. You say, "Buddy, what do you mean?" The man says, "I am taking my liberty." You inform him that his liberty stops where your nose begins. Some people never seem to *realize* that while they have certain liberties, their liberties end where the other person's begin.

I heard the story of a couple down South that was supposed to get married—the wedding date was planned, the wedding bells invited the people to the church, the minister pronounced the ceremony, the young man and his bride were presented to the congregation as man and wife; and after they had the reception, a day or two passed, and a real estate salesman went to this couple and desired to sell them a house to make them a home. He carefully outlined the reasons that all couples should buy a house and make themselves a home. The girl, with a giggle in her voice, said she didn't think that they should buy a house nor make a home, because she was born in a hospital, was educated in a boarding school, finished her education in college and seminary, did her courting in a car, and when she got sick they sent her to the hospital, and when she died, they would preach her funeral at a funeral parlor and buy a lot upon the hill and bury her. Therefore, she felt all they needed was one room and a garage. Now that's the way some people feel about establishing a home in this life and making their contribution to civilization.

NOW HERE IS YOUR HOUSE

Now, my friends, I'm going to suggest *four* sides for you to put up when building your house; and if you will put them up, you can save your family. You can't build a house with less than four walls, you must have them. Get this straight, and understand it correctly—any man and woman who will sincerely put up these battlements in time can save the family.

PUT UP YOUR BATTLEMENTS—PUT UP FOUR SIDES

I. FAMILY DISCIPLINE

This is a crucial hour, and we need FAMILY DISCIPLINE. Parents everywhere know it is more difficult to rear a family; especially, to bring them up in the "fear and admonition of the Lord." The Bible plainly says, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth," Ephesians 6:1-3. In this day, in this time, parents must face it—the Bible says, "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, *disobedient to parents, unthankful,* unholy," 2 Timothy 3:2. We must save our families, we must have family discipline. There were 140 Ph.D.'s doing nuclear work for the government. One said to Dr. Evans, "I can split an atom, but I can't control my own son." His wife was suing him for a divorce. Parents should be able to control their children. Children should obey their parents. When they are told to do something, they should be made to do it. Back home when I was a boy and my father told me to do something, I said, "Yes Sir." If my father said, "It's going to rain today," I said, "Yes Sir." If he said, "It's

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Wisdom and Folly

Cultivating the "Wilderness of Enge'di"—Shown here are Israeli farmers working among tomato fields—where once the tangled underbrush formed a perfect refuge for David, when he was escaping the wrath of King Saul. The latter, on his return from battling the Philistines, was told: "Behold, David is in the wilderness of Enge'di," and immediately set off in pursuit. The first king of Israel had 3,000 men scour the bush, but without success. In fact, on one occasion their roles were reversed and David could have slain Saul. The latter blundered into a cave where David was hiding, but David was satisfied to "stealthily cut off the skirt of Saul's robe" (1 Samuel 23:29).

SIX of these men are going to enjoy a "trip of a lifetime" to Palestine. You can help your state overseer and youth director be the ones to go by securing subscriptions to the *Evangel, Lighted Pathway* and other Church of God literature.

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total membership of better than 11,500 members and a large following of believers in the island. There are at least 200 ministers who report to the island overseer. We have one Bible school in Jamaica and a secondary school. They are doing a splendid work for God.

I had the great privilege of having my wife with me on this trip; and, of course, I greatly enjoyed her being along. It was very interesting to her to note in both Jamaica and the Bahamas the work of the Ladies' Willing Workers' Band. It was also indeed a rare privilege and honor to be with Brother Brummett, who is Superintendent of the West Indies work, and Brother D. A. Biggs, Overseer of Alabama and member of the Missions Board. Both of these men preached powerful sermons which will have a lasting and telling effect on these people for years to come.

The convention in the Bahamas was already in progress when we arrived. Suffice it to say, the Lord did bless this convention. I shall not attempt to enumerate the many activities that took place or the services that followed.

One can sense the intense hunger in the hearts of those island people to hear again and again the story of Jesus, and night after night the very spacious Fowler Street Church of God was packed and jammed to its capacity. The presence of the Lord was present in a marvelous way to bless and honor the preaching of the Word. The day services were well attended and the night services would need a very large tabernacle to accommodate the immense crowds that attended. I marveled at the patience of the people who stood for hours for the service. Every available seat was taken with extra chairs placed in the aisles, and they yet stood in the aisles and around the walls and doors to hear the preaching of the blessed gospel.

Brother Allred, the island overseer, moderated the entire convention in his very capable, humble and efficient way. The overseer is highly respected by the ministers of the island, and God is blessing his efforts. The host pastor, W. R. Franks, was kind in his reception of all of the delegates who attended. Many of them came at a great sacrifice, traveling from the out islands of the Bahamas chain, some by sailboat and in any way they could get there to attend this great feast of the Lord. We have at least 57 churches scattered throughout the Bahamas, and God is blessing the work of those men and women of the Lord.

The Church of God is moving forward at a rapid rate in the West Indies. The work immediately comprising our West Indies work has now 33,000 members and 72,000 adherents. Over 100,000 people are attending our Church of God services in these West Indies islands and the end is not in sight. We have presently in our Bible school young men who are anticipating going to some of these other islands where the work of the Church has not had such a strong foothold. Will you join them in prayer that the Lord will bless them and that the work of the Church of God will continue to move forward for God and His cause.

FIRE ON A COLD DAY

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get their minds changed and recognize that God's grace is sufficient for every need.

As a result of this miracle, the chief man of the island, Publius, showed Paul and his company a great deal of courtesy. During this time, Publius' father became sick. Paul prayed for the man and he was healed. All who had been blessed showed their gratitude by giving material goods and great honors to Paul and his company. This helped them to finish their trip to Rome.

Again I say that our greatest need is to build a fire. When we do, trouble may come; however, if it does. it will open doors of opportunity for the consecrated. The results will be—souls blessed and healed, Satan defeated and our reward secured.

MORE POWER FOR THIS HOUR THROUGH THE HOME

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going to clear off today," I said, "Yes Sir." You see, we had at our old home a peach tree that grew on the outside of our house, and when we children didn't go straight and obey, my father gave us peach-tree tea. When he gave us a dose of this peach-tree tea, it would help us to go straight and turn right. So when my father spoke to us at our home, we said, "Yes Sir." When he said, "We're going to Sunday School today," we said, "Yes Sir." I find some people who say, "I can't control my son or my daughter; I can't control my child." I believe if everyone had a good dose of my father's peach-tree tea from the beginning, they, too, would go straight and turn right. When my father said, "Read that book," I said, "Yes Sir." When he said, "Get down there and do that work," I said, "Yes Sir." You say that is cruel. If God will allow me—when I get to heaven—to see my mother and my father, I want to place my arms around them and say, "Mother and Father, thank you for Family Discipline. All through my life it has been a guiding force to me as a father, as a Christian, and as a minister."

The Bible says, "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord," Colossians 3:20. We must have obdience in the home by the children. Parents, drill it into them; pray it unto them! It is said of Jesus, "And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject (obedient) unto them," Luke 2:51. Did you ever hear a man stand up in church and say, "My daughter left home this morning and was supposed to go to school, or to work, or to keep an appointment, and she left, and we have not heard from her since?" Did you ever see a mother, who stood up in prayer meeting, or a revival, or church service, or came to the parsonage or pastor's study and said, "Will you join me in prayer for my daughter or son that left home, and I have not heard from my child in twelve long months. Join me in prayer that somehow God will bring my son or daughter back home."

II. THE FAMILY ALTAR WALL IN THE HOME

The second wall to put up in the building of your house and home is THE FAMILY ALTAR WALL IN

THE HOME. "When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence."

Listen, parents! Begin at once, if you haven't already done so. Get all the family together at least once or twice a day for family prayer. Can you as parents say, like David, ". . . I will walk within my house with a perfect heart"? Psalm 101:2. My friends, I pray today that God will give us homes where members of the families are not easily irritated; where the main business is being and doing right; where members of the family will forbear one another, forgive one another and love one another in singleness of heart, fearing God. In the home, let love be professed and possessed. With real love, a one-room cabin or a two-room flat can be a home. There should be a family altar in every home. It unifies the family before God. A family prayer cultivates pity and common sense. Family prayer develops workers for wider fields. A family altar in the home is the most effective evangelism. The kind of home I am talking about—the real walls of the home are not made of brick, or stone, or wood — but love and truth, and loyalty. The curtains of this home are not woven of lace, but discretion. The real food for this home is not meat nor bread, but thoughtfulness and unselfishness. The real drink of this kind of home is not wine, nor water, nor milk but love, which is both food and intoxicant. Friends, get it straight and, by all means, get it clear! The kind of home I am talking about is not a place where we lay off clothes, but our cares: not a place where we shake fists and point critical fingers, but a place where we bend knees in earnest prayer.

III. REVERENCE FOR THE BIBLE IN THE HOME IS THE NEXT WALL TO PUT UP!

Put up on one side of a house the battlement, REVERENCE FOR THE BIBLE. Many people enjoy telling jokes. They tell jokes about the weather, about their neighbors, about the sun, the moon, the stars. Some people tell jokes about the Bible. One person, telling a joke about Jonah and the whale, said that if he were writing the story about Jonah and the whale, he would write one about the whale being so large there would be a smoking and drinking compartment in the whale; there would be a lounge room; there would be a bar; and many other things he said that he would write about this big whale in the Bible. But my friends, God's Word is no joke —God is real! The devil is no joke — the devil is real! Do not joke about God's Word. Take it seriously—take God's Word seriously now; take God's Word seriously tomorrow; take His Word seriously every day of your life. Take God's Word seriously in the church, in the home, everywhere and all the time. God's Word, God's Book, is a serious book. Put up the Bible where the children can see it. Point to God's Word and tell them it is God's Word. You remember your old home, don't you? I remember my old country home. When we had finished all the work of the day, the family sat around the fireside at night. My Christian mother would take the old family Bible down and sit over in the corner by the table with a lamp on it. She would pull the old family lamp a little nearer her as she opened God's Word and began to read it. Tears would rain down her face. When she removed her glasses, she would take her apron and wipe her eyes, and she would sit there with the light of heaven in her face. We children, in our hearts and by our actions when she began to read, would say, "That is God's Book; that is God's Word. Mother is in contact with God. Mother is communing with God." We would say by our actions and in our heart, "Let's not have any laughter around here. Let's not disturb her—she is talking to God and God is talking to her."

REVERENCE FOR THE BIBLE
(My Mother's Bible)

There's a dear and precious Book,
Tho' it's worn and faded now,
Which recalls those happy days of long ago,
When I stood at Mother's knee,
With her hand upon my brow,
And I heard her voice in gentle tones, and low.

Blessed Book, precious Book,
On thy dear old tear-stained leaves I love to look;
Thou art sweeter ev'ry day,
As I walk the narrow way
That leads at last to that bright home above.

Well, those days are past and gone,
But their mem'ry lingers on,
And the dear old Book each day has been my guide. . . .

What a Guide! What a Book! No man or woman ever had this Book for a guide, and honestly and sincerely walked in the light of it, and got in trouble.

IV. A CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN LIFE IN THE HOME

"When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence." Put up on another side of the house a CONSISTENT-CHRISTIAN-LIFE WALL. It is much easier to preach about it than to practice it—I've tried both. It is easy to preach, hard to practice. But example is much more important than precept. We must train our children. We must train them by example; we must train them by precept. We train them by the efficient teaching of God's Word. We train our children by a carefully planned program of worship and service. Can it be said about our children, as it was said about Timothy, ". . . That from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus"? 2 Timothy 3:15. If parents fail to pray, can they expect their children to pray? If parents stay away from church willingly, can they expect their children to be regular attendants at their church? If parents are not loyal members of their church, can they expect the children to be loyal to the church in every department? ***A house is built with human hands; a home is built with human hearts.***

Can we be Christians without Christ? Are we trying to pump water out of a dry well? Your children do what they see you doing, only they do much more.

A home with more power for this hour is a home where husband and wife submit themselves to one another in the fear of God; where parents rear their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. It is a home where children obey their parents and God's Word has a prominent place.

What are you doing to save your family for God and for the Church? What are you doing about the unsaved ones in your home? What have you done to build a strong, Christian home? What are you doing today to build a better home for this hour? Can God depend on you to build a powerful, Christian home for our day and for the future?

Mothers and Fathers, pledge with me that we will put up the battlements. Let us do everything we can to save our homes. The devil would like to see our homes go. Sometimes I feel that the standards of our homes have been pulled down. Let's you and me show this world what God can do for us and our homes. Let us put up the four walls that I have mentioned—FAMILY DISCIPLINE; FAMILY ALTAR; REVERENCE FOR THE BIBLE; CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN LIVING—and make our homes what they ought to be!

NAE Executives Confer With President Eisenhower

Three top executives of the National Association of Evangelicals were invited to the White House for a conference with the President on Friday morning, April 3.

Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel, president of the Association, brought greetings from the NAE and expressed regret that the President would be unable to accept the invitation to attend the Seventeenth Annual NAE Convention in Los Angeles, April 6-10.

After making one or two statements concerning the Association, Dr. Mekeel introduced Dr. George L. Ford, executive director. Dr. Ford explained to the President the nature of the National Association of Evangelicals and its significance as the voice of some ten million evangelical Protestants.

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of NAE's Office of Public Affairs in Washington and executive director of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, was then introduced. Dr. Taylor, who had just returned from a journey around the world, presented two significant observations concerning the world picture:

1. Dr. Taylor told the President that one of the greatest concerns in soreading the Gospel across the world is to arouse lay people to greater Christian activity. In the newer nations such as India, it was encouraging to find a considerable amount of lay activity. Surprisingly enough, the greatest lay work in India was found in Karala, where Communism is in control. In one meeting fifteen hundred people gathered for prayer at daybreak. It is vital to push laymen forward in the whole program of Evangelism.

2. Dr. Taylor stated further that after traveling around the borders of the Soviet Union he found missionaries and nationalists of those countries no better informed concerning what Communism is than people in America. They just know that they are opposed to it. The basic difference between the Communist and the free state is the sense of responsibility of the individual. The free person makes his own choices—spiritually and in every other phase of life. Conclusion reached from comparison of this nation with Communist states is that the greatness of America lies in her spiritual resources and free enterprise.

Dr. Mekeel offered prayer and the conference with the President was concluded.

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Indonesia's Religions Now Total Four

Indonesia's Hindu-Bali faith has been given official status, bringing to four the number of religions in the Island Kingdom. The government action places the Balinese religious group on the same plane as followers of Islam, Protestantism, and Roman Catholicism. The small Christian minority on Bali—an eastern province in the Java Sea which has been called "Demon Island"—has drawn attention to the mounting health problem and the great need of medical workers. Bali is famed for its beautiful dances, colorful costumes, and highly-artistic native handcraft, but its people are full of superstitution. Spiritually, it is said to be one of the darkest areas in Asia. With the restriction of Christian missionary work on the island, an urgent call has gone out for medical missionaries. (EP)

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Hays Picketed by Angry Segregationists

While Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, addressed students at William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Virginia, recently, angry segregationist pickets demonstrated outside. The pickets, all from the nearby town of Newport News, carried signs reading: "Judas Brooks," "I Am a Baptist, Not a Hypocrite," "No Integration Wanted Here," and "Not Wanted in Arkansas—Not Wanted in Virginia." A group of students gathered to jeer and hiss at the pickets, but there was no violence.

Earlier Hays had told teachers attending the annual convention of the North Carolina Education Association at Asheville that Christian principles offer a solution to the South's problems. If "poverty, prejudice, and intolerance could be replaced by justice and Christian charity," he declared, there would be no integration problem. The South must learn to do things "with Negroes instead of for them," he said. (EP)

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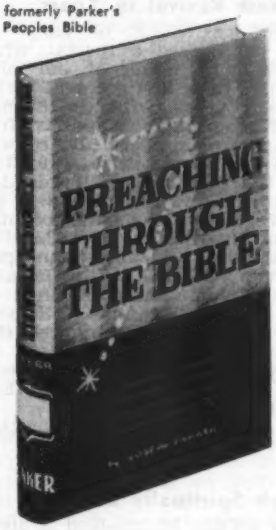

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Greatest Revival in Years

EAST RAINELLE, W. Va. — We have just closed a revival, which was said by many of our older members to be the greatest revival in many years, with the evangelist, Rev. Jimmie Katsinas from Kingsport, Tennessee. There were 37 saved, 22 sanctified, 19 filled with the Holy Ghost, 21 added to the church and 22 baptized in water. We believe there will be more to join the church later. Most of the new members were young people. We believe the East Rainelle Church is going to grow in a big way. Brother Katsinas will be a great blessing to any church that needs a revival.

Pray for us that God will continue to bless our church at East Rainelle.

—Rev. W. L. Bloomfield, pastor

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Church Spiritually Enriched

VAN DYKE, Mich.—God is blessing His people here and has visited them with a good revival. It was a blessing to this people to have Brother W. A. Petty of Soddy, Tennessee, as our evangelist for two weeks—February 8-22.

There were 6 souls saved, 6 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost and 9 were added to the church. The revival meant much to the whole church and we were spiritually enriched. Much of the success of this revival was due to the fine spiritual leadership of the pastor, Rev. Cheslie N. Collins.

—Armeline N. Cousineau, reporter

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Greatest Revival Ever Seen at Chester

CHESTER, Ga.—We have just closed a three-week revival with Rev. James T. Williams from Eastman, Georgia, as our evangelist. There were 7 saved and many were touched by the healing power from heaven. This was the greatest revival that has ever been in Chester, Georgia. Some older members said this was the best revival they had seen in many years. The Holy Ghost was present every night. Some nights we did not have preaching because the Holy Ghost took over. Any church would be blessed to have Rev. Williams as their evangelist. People were blessed by his messages and his singing and playing.

Everyone pray that the Lord will give us a wonderful church at Chester, Georgia.

—Ruby Nelson, pastor

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"Wonderful, Successful" Revival at Lexington

LEXINGTON, Ky.—The Church of God at Lexington, Kentucky, has just closed a wonderful and successful revival with Rev. C. E. Richard from Birmingham, Alabama, as the evangelist. The revival began in January and lasted for 4 weeks. There were 10 persons saved in the meeting and 5 were filled with the Holy Ghost. We baptized 6 in water and added 8 to the church. Rev. Richard's messages were full of good sound Gospel and were, therefore, a great blessing to all who heard him. The revival continued on into the fourth week after which Brother Richard had to leave for an appointment in Georgia. We are very grateful to Rev. Lewis Arrowood, Rev. Walter C. Mauldin, State Secretary, and Rev. T. A. Perkins, State Overseer, who preached in the last week of this revival. Their messages were very uplifting and the Lord continued His blessings upon the services.

God has given us many souls already in Lexington this year and we shall continue to look to Him for a greater harvest. We appreciate the wonderful people of the Lexington Church and city, and we believe that God will help us as we pull together to enlarge our borders for His church and kingdom here.

—Pastor

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Branch Sunday School Organized After Revival

MOBILE, Ala.—Since the General Assembly, the Crichton Church has been greatly blessed with a revival conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Bill Williams. Souls were saved and the entire church was stirred. An increase has been noted in every department and we are organizing a branch Sunday School. Brother and Sister Williams will be a spiritual asset to any church, as he is a dynamic preacher and she is a talented musician.

We are most pleased to have as our pastor, Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Hamby, who came to us after serving as state overseer in Mississippi and West Virginia. Under their able leadership, we expect the Lord to do great things for us. Remember us in prayer. *—Doris Odom, reporter*

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Eight Filled With Holy Ghost

AUGUSTA, Ga.—We have just concluded a most successful revival with Mrs. Irene (Minnie) Hillhouse of Lakeland, Florida. There were several saved, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 united with the church. The meeting only lasted 12 nights, due to the health of Sister Hillhouse. She is still convalescing from a recent illness.

Sister Hillhouse is one of our more successful pioneer ministers of the Church of God, and I am sure if anyone can secure her ministry, they will be greatly benefited in years to come.

—Raleigh D. Jenkins, pastor

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Special Blessings During Revival

GREENEVLLE, Tenn.—We have just closed a wonderful two-week revival here at the Greeneville, Tennessee, Church of God. Rev. Fred Whisman from Virginia was the evangelist. There were 3 saved, 2 sanctified, and 1 was filled with the Holy Ghost. God poured out His Spirit upon us. We received many special blessings.

On Sunday night a week before our revival, 7 precious souls were saved in our regular church service. Pray that God will continue to bless our church and that He will give us many souls for our hire.

—Rev. Jake Knight, pastor

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Glorious Revival at Graham

GRAHAM, Texas—"Lord send a revival and let it begin in me" became the theme of the people in the Church of God in Graham. Our pastor, Rev. E. W. Carden and his precious wife and boys were certainly a God-sent gift to us. We thank God for them.

Two weeks prior to our revival, Brother Carden established prayer meetings in different districts of our city. Each morning those who were able to meet met to pray. February 12 we began a glorious revival with Evangelist William

Williams and his wife. Brother Williams' good preaching and Sister Williams' beautiful singing were a wonderful blessing to us. Our revival lasted three and one-half weeks. Church members who were cold and indifferent were revived. Backsliders prayed through. We had 28 saved, 14 sanctified, 12 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, 12 were baptized in water and 9 united with the Church. We praise God for the revival and for Brother and Sister Williams.

The Church of God in Graham is going forward for God. We are showing an increase in attendance. We still have a wonderful revival spirit. Sunday night we had 2 backsliders to pray through and several were in the altar seeking the Holy Ghost. We thank God for the seemingly endless work of our wonderful pastor and his wife. Everyone loves them and our prayer is that God will continue to bless them and their untiring efforts for Him.

—Mrs. Henry Barnett, reporter

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Youth Revival at Abilene

ABILENE, Texas—We have just closed a wonderful youth revival here at the Abilene Church of God. There were 12 saved, 3 sanctified, and 1 was filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly blessed in many ways. The evangelist was Bill Ward.

—George W. Ivy, pastor

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Greatest Revival Detroit Tabernacle Has Ever Had

DETROIT, Mich.—We have just closed a five-week revival with Brother and Sister Homer Miller of Chattanooga, Tennessee, during which 87 were saved, 55 were filled with the Holy Ghost, 30 were baptized in water and 84 were added to the church. People were saved, healed and filled with the Holy Ghost nightly. Our church has the greatest zeal to work for God it has ever known. This, without doubt, is the greatest revival the Detroit Tabernacle has ever had.

—L. Luther Turner, pastor

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Increase in Every Department of the Church

SELMA, Calif. — The Selma Church has enjoyed a wonderful outpouring of God's Spirit during the past three weeks of revival with Rev. G. S. Tapley of San Bernardino, California, as our evangelist. Brother Tapley has preached soul-stirring messages each night and, as a result, 18 have been saved, 5 sanctified, and 5 filled with the Holy Ghost. Also, under the leadership of our good pastor, Rev. H. B. Glenn, there has been an increase in every department of the church. The revival is going to continue another week and we are looking forward to greater things in the future.

—Hazel Nolls, reporter

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Blessings of God Bountiful

HENDERSON, N. C.—We have closed the best revival we have had since we were organized on June 3, 1956. God blessed His people greatly. People fell under the old-time power of almighty God. They shouted, danced, cried, and laughed. There were 48 saved, 21 sanctified, 24 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 24 added to the church. Many were healed by the power of God.

The evangelist was Rev. Walter T. Stafford. I can truly recommend Brother Stafford to any church. He will not only inspire the church members, but will help win new people for the church.

—Winfred Roberson, reporter

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Best Revival Church Ever Had

COMMERCE, Ga.—We have just closed a revival at the Commerce Church of God with the evangelist, Rev. Johnnie Jones. There were 22 saved, 10 sanctified, 9 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 10 added to the church. This was the best revival the church has ever had. I will gladly recommend Brother Johnnie Jones to any church. He will do your church good.

—Rev. Hoyt Partain, pastor

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Thirty-four Saved in Revival

PONTIAC, Mich.—Please share our joy over the wonderful revival with Roy Douglas. In just over a week, 34 have been saved, 21 sanctified, 23 filled with the Holy Ghost, and a number have been healed. Remember us in prayer as the revival continues.

—Rev. Harold F. Douglas, pastor

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Revival at Fitzgerald

FITZGERALD, Ga. — The Fitzgerald Church of God has just closed a ten-day revival with Evangelist Johnnie Jones of Albany, Georgia. Brother Jones' messages blessed those who came to hear him preach. He is a young man who has only been converted for about 8 months, but will bless any church that is desirous of a God-sent revival.

There were 10 saved, 3 sanctified, and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, 2 of these being over 50 years of age.

—L. A. Yarbrough, reporter

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Glorious Revival at Fyffe

FYFFE, Ala. — The Highway Church of God was blessed with a glorious revival. There were 5 saved, 3 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. Rev. J. H. Hammonds was the evangelist. We recommend Brother Hammonds highly to any church. I know he will be a blessing.

—Rev. Charlie Guinn, pastor

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Twenty-nine Saved; Revival Still in Progress

CHASE, Md.—A revival is still in progress at the Chase Church of God with the evangelist, Rev. Arnold Godwin. Twenty-nine have been saved, 16 filled with the Holy Ghost and 18 added to the church. The pastor is Rev. Leon Ellis.

—Leon Ellis, pastor

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Seven Saved at Williamston

WILLIAMSTON, N. C. — We are praising God for the wonderful revival He recently sent our way. There were 7 saved, 4 sanctified, 3 were filled with the Holy Ghost and 5 added to the church. Our evangelist was Rev. Donnie Carroll and Mrs. Carroll. The church was blessed by Brother Carroll's singing and preaching.

—Dannie Mobley, clerk

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Revival Spirit Prevails

LA FRANK, W. Va.—We are rejoicing over one of the most wonderful revivals that our church has ever experienced. Rev. Rudell Bloomfield of Rainelle, W. Va., was the evangelist. He is a young man, 17 years old, who believes in the leading of the Spirit. Our church has been greatly blessed through his inspirational messages.

God met with us each night in a special way. There were 18 saved, 10 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, 11 baptized in water, and 7 added to the church. There was also some marvelous healings in our midst.

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—Betty Brown, reporter

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